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SUBJECT: Plant Pests in Marked Regulated Wood Packaging Material

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY
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APHIS adopted the international phytosanitary standard for regulated wood packaging material (WPM) through the promulgation of 7 C.F.R. 319.40-3. This regulation specifically requires that imported WPM be either heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide in accordance with 319.40-3(b)(1), and then marked in accordance with 319.40-3(b)(2) to certify that the WPM has been subject to an approved treatment measure. The enforcement of section 319.40-3 began on September 16, 2005.

Plant pests that attack live trees prior to being manufactured into WPM will not survive treatments prescribed in 319.40-3(b) (1). Insects in the families Cerambycidae, Buprestidae, Siricidae, Cossidae, Curculionidae, and Scolytidae represent timber pests that, when found live in WPM, confirm that the WPM has not been treated in accordance with 319.40-3(b)(1).

Section 319.40-3(b) (3) provides for the immediate reexport of WPM that does not contain the required mark. Marked WPM, containing pests in the above mentioned families, is considered WPM that has not been treated and marked in accordance with section 319.40-3, and shall be immediately reexported pursuant to (b)(3). The importer of record is responsible for any costs or charges associated with reexport.

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